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SUBJECT: AGREED MINUTES TO JUNE 8, 1972 PL 480 AGREEMENT

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1. GUYANA' S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATION AND CONCLUSION OF ACCORDS SUCH AS PL 480 TITLE I AGREEMENTS. GOF OFFICIALS FROM OTHER MINISTRIES WHO ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS AND COMMIT GOVT, DO SO WITH FULL POWERS DERIVED FROM THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITY AND CABINET REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED UNDERTAKING.

2. WITH THIS BACKGROUND MOFA UNDERSTANDABLY HAS BEEN RELUCTANT INJECT ITSELF INTO THIS MATTER BY CONCURRING IN MINUTES OF TITLE I NEGOTIATIONS REPRESENTED BY MAY 10, 1972 LETTER WITH ADDENDUM, SIGNED BY FRANK A. NOEL, PERMANENT SECRETARY MINISTRY OF TRADE (NOT FOREIGN OFFICE). TO DO SO WOULD IMPLY AUTHORITY MOFA DOES NOT POSSESS, SEEMINGLY IMPUGN MINISTRY OF TRADE PERM SEC' S FULLY AUTHORITY TO ACT FOR GOG AT TIME AND CREATE PRESENT IT COULD FIND DIFFICULT TO LIVE WITH IN FUTURE. EMBOFF, WHO FOR SEVERAL WEEKS HAS ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS THIS AND OTHER QUESTIONS WITH NOEL, YESTERDAY WAS TOLD BY NOEL THAT MINISTRY (FINANCE) AND TRADE WOULD PROBABLY OBJECT TO EFFORT OBTAIN MOFA CONCURRENCE. NOEL HIMSELF WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION, BUT CAUTIONED THAT MINISTERIAL JEALOUSIES OVER THEIR SEPARATE POWERS MAKE THIS A TOUCHY ISSUE.

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3. IN VIEW FOREGOING, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS AGAINST ATTEMPTING OBTAIN
MOFA CONCURRENCE WHICH APPEARS TO BE UNNECESSARY AS NOEL CLEARLY
HAD FULLY POWERS SIGN AGREEMENT AS FAR AS GOG CONCERNED. KING

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